THE COLUMBIAN MIRROR
AND
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.

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AT VENDUE.

ON TUESDAY and FRIDAY, in every week, at 10 o'clock in the morning, will be exposed for sale at the Vendue Store (corner of Prince and Water streets)

A VARIETY OF

WET & DRY GOODS.

Of which the particulars will be given previous to the sale.

The VENDUE MASTERS will always keep the Store open for the reception of GOODS, and selling of such articles therein between the times of public sales as may be on limitation. They likewise offer their services in transacting any kind of Commission Business.

MARSTELLER & SONS.

April 5th. 1796.

For Charter,

THE BRIG

Virginia,

Burthen 300 hhds of tobacco.—For term apply to

SHREVE & LAWRASON.

Who have for sale—Queen's ware in crates, well assorted; glass ware; double Gloucester cheese in hampers; Liverpool salt in sacks and loose; pipes in boxes; pearl barley in kegs; bare lead; candles by the box

Oct. 18. tf.

Wanted Immediately,

AN Overseer on the shares, on Shanandoah River, to work ten fellows with good horses, &c. found. The land is very good, and a very good share will be allowed Any person that may suit, will no doubt produce satisfactory testimony of his ability honesty, sobriety and industry. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Rees and Willmiller, Alexandria, or to John Holker on Shenandoah river, Frederick County.

Nov 25. 3m ep

Very great Bargains.

THE public are informed that the Goods remaining on hand at the Store under the direction of the subscriber, opposite to M'Knight's tavern will henceforth be sold at prices reduced below the very moderate terms at which they have heretofore been sold. The proprietors being desirous of closing the sales speedily, will accomodate retailers with a credit.

Wm. HICKMAN.

January 7. tf

To Rent.

A CONVENIENT two story Frame House, two rooms below stairs, and two above, with three fire places—situate on Woolfe, near Washington Street. For terms apply to

STEPHEN MOORE.

January 21.

Andrew & Wm. Ramsay

Have imported in the brig Dolly, via. New-York from Oporto, ten pipes, ten hhds. and twenty quarter casks of

PORT WINE,

of a very superior quality which they now offer for sale at their warehouse, King-street.

They have also on hand,

Madeira Wine in pipes, hhds. and quarter casks. Lisbon do. in pipes. Teneriffe do. in hhds. Sherry do. in quarter casks. Port do. in bottles and a quantity of well assorted bar iron.

Dec. 6. tf

JUST RECEIVED,

From New-York, and for sale by

STEPHEN ALLEY,

A general assortment of

Ladies', Gentlemens', and Childrens' SHOES, &c.

December 8.

TO BE SOLD OR HIRED,

A likely young Negro Woman. Enquire of the Printers.

January 21.

WHEREAS Jonathan Holmes on the 30th January 1795, by deed bearing date on that day, did convey to Joseph Lewis, Jun. his lands and effects at large convenient distillery with four large stills, well proportioned in their size, and with a copper boiler, and a sufficient number of tubs. Also, one horse mill, and a large commodious bake house, with three acres of land, situate in the county of Loudoun, known by the name of Goss Springs, in trust for the payment of cash, on the said Lewis's bills and alligns, on the 1st of January 1797, and for the payment of the like sum on the 1st of January 1798, with power of re-investing by said Lewis, his heirs or alligns, in case any one of the said sums of money should not be punctually paid, and of making sale of aforesaid property at public auction, or so much thereof as would raise the money due on interest. And whereas the said Lewis by deed duly executed and recorded, did assign all his right to the aforesaid property to John O'Fassett, who in like manner, did assign the same to us, and whereas we have called on said Holmes for the first payment, and he acknowledged that he paid no part, and that he knew not when he should have it in his power. Wherefore we the subscribers, by our partner, Alexander Grant, made entry into the aforesaid premises. Be it then known, that on the 12th February next, we according to the powers and trust vested in us by said conveyance, shall at the Gum Springs, at public sale, sell the whole of aforesaid property, or so much thereof, as will raise the money due.

HACKET & GRANT.

Leesburg, January 17, 1797.

LOST

BY the subscriber about the 25th ult. A SILVER WATCH, with a gold chain and key hanging thereto—upon the face of the watch, as likewise upon the works is the name of Charles R. Scott. Ten dollars will be given to any person discovering the watch and chain at the Store of Mr. John Norwood, King Street. If offered for sale it is requested it may be stopped.

N. B. If it has been sold by any person, the person to whom it may have been sold will confer an obligation by stepping forward, and announcing the person who may have sold it.

GEORGE STOVIN, Jun.

January 17 3w

Caution.

I HEREBY caution the public against purchasing or taking an alligument from Messrs. Clingman & M'Caw of Alexandria, of nine bonds given by me to them, payable the first in October next, and the others one in each succeeding October. These bonds having been improperly obtained and no value given—I will not pay them unless compelled by law.

SPENCER GRAYSON, Jun.

January 17. 3w

FOR SALE,

A TRACT of land containing 116 acres, lying on Cameron Run, distant about 3 miles from Alexandria. The situation is on many accounts eligible—It is remarkably healthy, a convenient distance from the great Newgate road, and commands a pleasing view of the greater part of the valley, through which the Cameron beautifully winds its course. This tract is well proportioned with respect to timber, upland and meadow ground, and has on it such improvements as might be easily adapted for immediate residence. For further particulars apply to

THEOPHILUS HARRIS.

January 9. tf

COGNIAC Brandy,
Hollands Genuine, } in pipes.
Liverpool fine
Lisbon, and } Salt.
Alum
Spanish Hides, &c.

FOR SALE BY

Fletcher & Otway.

December 31.

LISBON WINE

In Pipes, Hogsheads and Quarter-casks,

For Sale by

KEMP HURST and COX.

New-York

THE subscriber having declined the Coal business, which he has carried on for some years past at this place, in favor of Mr. Harry Heth, begs leave to acquaint his friends and correspondents, that Mr. Heth has now on hand nearly 300,000 bushels, of a quality much superior to any he has ever seen, owing to its having been raised entirely from open pits, whereby it is wholly free from slate, pyrites, &c. They may therefore reasonably expect to be supplied the ensuing year with whatever quantity they may order, without suffering any detension.

JOHN SWANN.

HARRY HETH begs leave to inform the public that he has become the principal proprietor of the Black Heath Coal Pits near this place, which have been worked for one years past by Mr. John Swann, and that he is paying great attention to carry on that business in such a way, as to insure a constant supply—he therefore flatters himself with the hope of being able to answer the principal demand of the United States—having already on hand a very large stock. This Coal has ever been deemed of a quality superior to any in Virginia. He now does business at the office lately occupied by said Swann.

Manchester, Virg.

December 31. 3w ep

THE subscribers have imported in the last vessels from London, and Liverpool,

A CONSIDERABLE ASSORTMENT OF

FALL GOODS.

Which they will dispose of on liberal terms, by the piece or package, to punctual men.

Wm. B. MACRUDER & CO.

George Town, Nov. 8. tptf.

Jackson & Dunnington,

HAVE just received and for sale, at their Store in King Street,

A Small Assortment of

HARDWARE,

Consisting of

Copper and Iron Tea Kettles, Gridirons, Chafing Dishes, Box Coffee Mills, Pad Locks, Frying Pans, Spades and Shovels, Razor Straps, Shaving Boxes, Shoe and Hearth Brushes, best steel plate Hand Saws, Carpenter's Rules, Powder and Shot, Gun Worms, Shovels and Tongs, 8d. 10d. 12d. and 20d. Nails, &c. &c.

November 22.

FOR SALE,

A FEW DINING SETS OF ELEGANT

NANKEEN CHINA,

consisting of 288 pieces each.

Liverpool and Cadiz salt in bulk; and salt in sacks—

100 quarter chests Teas of different kinds—

Puncheons Jamaica, W. Island and continental Rum—

Madeira, Sherry, Lisbon, Teneriffe, Malaga, Corsica and Port Wines, in hhds. pipes and quarter-casks—

French brandy, Holland gin, London bottled porter—

Loaf sugar in barrels, Muscovado sugars—

Coffee—

Cotton in bags.

Rice, indigo, fig blue, copperas, madder rosin, best mustard in bottles, pepper, pimento, nutmegs, mace, cloves, cassia, capers, olives in bottles and jars, anchovies in jugs.

Soal leather of the best quality—Saltpetre, refined and crude—white and brown soap, dipped and mould candles of Philadelphia manufacture—race and ground ginger—Leiper's snuff of different qualities in bladders and bottles.

Also, one box of 7-8 and one do. 4-4 Irish linen, well assorted.

MANDEVILLE & JAMESSON.

October 18. tf

UNION BREWERY.

Strong & Table Beer

is now ready to be delivered to purchasers at the Union Brew-House.

Cheap Goods for the Ladies.

Just arrived, and to be sold at very low prices, at my lodgings, in the house of Mr. John Gordon, opposite M'Knight's tavern, in King Street,

A small parcel of

Elegant Fancy Goods,

Consisting of

Coloured embroidered Muslins,
White do. do.
Do. do. Aprons,
Clouded Shawls, very handsome,
Ladies' plain & rumbow'd handkerchiefs
Gentlemen's do. do.
Plain, Jaconet, and Book Muslin,
Polical Handkerchiefs,
Pocket do.

The sales will continue for a few days only.

N. B. Those ladies who may not find it convenient to call, will be waited upon at their own houses with such articles as they wish to see.

JA. THOMSON.

January 21. 3t

ATTORNEY AND AGENT BUSINESS.

GEORGE MUIR, a Member of the Faculty of Procurators in Glasgow, and a Notary Public in Scotland, and who for many years practised as an Attorney and Agent in Glasgow, offers his services to the Public in that line of business.

He will write out Powers of Attorney, Indentures, Bonds, Leases, &c. and in particular, any Deeds to have effect in Scotland, on reasonable terms.

He will collect debts, and transact any other business as an agent on a moderate commission.

Apply to him at the Rev. Dr. Muir's, Alexandria.

NOTICE.

HAVING left the Continent for the West Indies, for a few months, I have authorised Mr. Peter Dyson jr. as my agent for translating the business carried on by me in this town. Those to whom I am indebted are desired to call on him for payment; and those who are indebted to me, will please to pay their respective balances to him.

F. VIVENT.

Said Peter Dyson, will rent the store and cellar, lately occupied by me in King-street, and has for sale on the most reasonable terms,

10 puncheons of 3d and 4th proof Antigua Rum.

December 8

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber a negro fellow named WILLIAM JACKSON, he is about 5 feet 9 or 9 inches high, about 27 or 28 years of age—had on when he went away a dark bottle green coat and waistcoat, a pair of velvet breeches, a pair of speckled worsted stockings and thick soal'd shoes with double vamps, he served his time at the cooper's business—he has worked a few months with me at baking. He possibly will endeavor to pass for a free man; as I understand he has got forged papers for that purpose. It is supposed he is gone towards Baltimore. Whoever apprehends him and brings him to me, shall receive the above reward, and all reasonable charges paid.

THOMAS CRANDELL.

December 31.

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 18th inst. a likely young negro woman named ESTHER, about 18 years of age, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high, inclining to farneſs. Had on when she went off a grey cloth jacket and brown petticoat.—It is presumed however that her dress has been since changed, as she has taken away with her valuable clothes to a considerable amount. The above reward with charges will be paid for securing her in any gaol so that I get her again.

ROB. B. JAMESSON.

N. B. Wanted to purchase or hire, a negro boy of a good character.

December 29.

The Columbian Centinel
AND
FEDERAL GAZETTE.

FROM EUROPE.

ADM. RICHERY'S EXPEDITION.

PARIS, NOVEMBER 13.

The minister of the marine and of the colonies to the citizen President of the Executive Directory.

"*Paris*, 22 *Brumaire*, *Nov.* 10.

"CITIZEN PRESIDENT,

"I hasten to inform the executive directory, that the fleet of admiral Richery safely arrived at Rochfort on the 15th of this month: this officer gained his port by able manœuvres and escaped from the purfuit of the exertions of the enemy to cut him out a safe retreat.

"In spite of storms and opposition of every kind, which he had experienced on the East and the South of Newfoundland, he destroyed a great number of houses, and took twenty four vessels, several of which were richly laden. He was informed by one of the prizes which belonged to the Jamaica convoy, that sixty vessels, on their voyage from this colony to Europe have been lost, after fighting with the winds near thirty-five days.

"General Richery, informed that the English were cruizing in superior force upon the coast of France, did not think it his duty to bring his prizes home, but burned and skuttled them, after having taken out the most valuable part of their cargoes.

A squadron composed of two ships of the line and a frigate, have been detached from the fleet on a private expedition, and I am already informed by the same reports of the enemy, that it attacked the coast of Labrador with much success. I hope immediately to hear the result of its operations in other quarters.

"The prisoners taken in the course of this expedition, have been sent upon their parole to Halifax, with the exception of about 300 who have been brought to France.

"There are scarcely an hundred sick on board the whole fleet. The officers and men are animated with the same spirit, and prepared to give new proofs of their courage, and their devotion to the interest of the republic.

(Signed) "TRUGUET."

The following are a few observations upon the state of the public mind of this commune.—In those places where the people meet together, such as coffee-houses and play-houses, there appears a general satisfaction at the answers of the Directory to the notification of the English commissioner. They reject the idea that the directory are averse to peace; but many are of opinion that England is insincere, notwithstanding her apparent measures to the contrary. All their discussions refer to the news respecting peace, and the dispositions made for promoting it. It is the desire of every citizen, the wish of the friends of humanity, and the sole object of those who are devoted to the establishment of the republic. Many argue that a general peace will be concluded in three months. Others, on the contrary, urge arguments that are founded on the contradictions observable in the restrictive proposals of the London envoy, and the limited powers with which it is furnished. In the midst of this fluctuation of opinion there is to be remarked a kind of security founded upon the confidence reposed in the Executive Directory by all impartial men, and the zeal which it has evinced in accepting and rendering advantageous all the propositions for peace which have been made by the different powers.

[*Paris Gazette.*]

It is said that there are divisions in the directory, that Rewbell and Barras never dine all always together; that Carnot and Le Tourneur follow the same; and Le Tourneur turns the scale, by voting sometimes on this side, and sometimes on the other.

[*Price.*]

NOVEMBER 16.

The English embassy will appear to posterity one of the greatest events of the present age. It will not be deemed unpleasing if we dwell on the details.—On the way from Calais to Paris, the presence of an ambassador, coming to negociate a peace, caused the most lively sensation among a people who are tired under the scourge of war. They loudly asked him for peace.—On his arrival at Paris, he descended from his carriage at the old Hôtel D'Argenson. He has purchased furniture by his agent, who says that he is to reside here for some time.

He has visited the marquis del Campo, the Spanish ambassador, and M. de Sandoz, the plenipotentiary of the king of Prussia. His hotel is tenanted by the Restorateur Moet, and all the world is eager to see the man who brings to us a peace!

WEST-INDIES.

BASSETERRE, (ST. KITTS) NOV. 29.

Capt. Potter, of the Experiment lugger, anchored in this road on Tuesday last, she has lately taken a number of prizes, among which are two of a curious nature. The first of that description was a sloop laden with flour, (as reported, from Guadaloupe to St. Bartholomews.) Capt. Potter on coming up with her, sent his first lieut. on board, with directions to send the Captain with his papers on board the lugger; who, on going on board, declared that the sloop entirely belong to him, and that she was an American. Capt. Potter ordered her for Tortola, when she arrived there the Captain made oath as above recited; but the sloop having been detained, the prize-master, with that curiosity which is natural to a man where wealth is in question, happened to observe in the casing of the cabbin, a place that seemed to have been much used, and on examination found a hiding place, which on taking away, much to his joy, he found a parcel of French papers, which being taken on shore, were delivered to his majesty's attorney general, who had the Captain brought before him, and observed, that he had already made oath that the property was his, he would wish to know if he had any money on board, to which the other declared he had not, when the attorney-general put a French letter into his hand, the contents of which was, that 35,000l. sterling was packed in the barrels with flour. It was not until then that this trifler with oaths turned pale, and declared the whole to be French property.

The other was a schooner under Danish colours, laden with 340 barrels of corn flour, and 40 of bread, as large and as deeply laden as she could be, (supposed with specie) she not having any register. Captain Potter ordered her for Tortola; but shortly after a Danish frigate hove in sight, pursued, and retook her; on which he made for the schooner; the frigate fired at him several times, and he returned some shot, and continued his way; but before he could come up with the schooner, she had anchored under a small fort at St. John's, called Cruze Bay. He anchored without her and brought a spring on his cable, went on shore, and demanded of the officers there his prize; the officers observed that the first lieut. of the frigate had desired him to protect the schooner, and he would do so. Capt. Potter then told him that he gave him a blow on the battery about his ears, but that as he wished to act coolly, he demanded a bond for 50,000l. sterling, if he could make out that she was a prize; the officers after much hesitation, agreed to it all, and sail were put on the hatches.

Captain Potter has also captured a French privateer of 12 guns and 10 swivels, with 98 men: she did not fire a shot. He has likewise retaken an English sloop that had been captured by a Spanish frigate of 44 guns, from Ferrol in 23 days. She had a Spanish declaration of war against England, and had orders not to anchor in any port, until she reached the Havannah.

DOMESTIC.

AMERICAN SEAMEN.

By a letter lately received from Mr. Talbot, agent for the United States, for the purpose of effecting the release-ment of American seamen in the West-Indies, to his friend in New-York, we learn, that he had visited Barbadoes and Martinico, and had a conference with four British admirals, viz. Hyde Parker, Henry Harvey, H. Carberry Christian, and Charles Morrice Pole, Esquires, and correspondence with the two former; the result of which terminated more favorably than was at first expected. Admiral Harvey, commanding all the ships of war stationed among the windward islands, had given the most positive assurances, that he would cause an enquiry to be made, on board all the ships of war, as they returned into port, and that all Americans found on board should be discharged, and that he would give positive orders against all farther impressments of American seamen, and to pay due respect to the protections with which they may be furnished. Mr. Talbot farther informs, that those orders were putting in execution, and that more than sixty had been discharged. He likewise mentions the great mortality of the British forces both by sea and land, in divers parts of the West-Indies; and that orders had arrived to stop all Spanish property; but not to proceed to condemnation until further orders. He expresses entire confidence in the future conduct of the British government towards America, and that no further injuries will be committed on our trade or inhabitants.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,
GEORGE WASHINGTON,
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina apprised of your intention to retire from office, feel it a duty for themselves and their constituents, to express the high sense they entertain of the vast advantages derived from your exertions, to the cause of the freedom of America, and of mankind. To secure the national blessing of peace and independence, to rescue a people from slavery on the one hand, and to guard them, from anarchy and faction on the other, are the great objects to which your efforts have been long, and successfully directed, amidst the perils of war and the cares of government, in the most difficult, exalted and important stations. You have finished the task, and have amply discharged every claim of your country, to your services and talents. We regret however, that your firm and experienced hand should at this juncture be withdrawn from the helm of affairs. But after you have devoted the best of your days to our felicity, it ill becomes us to complain of a step, which is necessary to your ease. We therefore sincerely congratulate you on the near prospect of your return to the leisure of retirement and the tranquility of private life, which the vote and the distress of your country first tore you to surrender.

We consider your late address as having added to the proofs of your patriotism, and to the debt of gratitude and veneration, which we previously owed you. It takes an affectionate and parental leave of your fellow-citizens, its counsels are dictated by the deepest political wisdom, and its sentiments flow from a heart replete with solicitude for the welfare of its country. And well may you be interested in the happiness of a people, whose fate has long been connected with your own, and in whose toils and perils, fuccess and glory, you have so largely shared.

As to ourselves, we devoutly wish that you may live to see and to enjoy that national prosperity, for which America is so much indebted to your exertions. Retired from office, and divested of power, you will still reign in the hearts of your fellow-citizens, and continue to receive a tribute of applause from a grateful nation.

FROM THE BALTIMORE TELEGRAPHE.

Messr. Hayland, Dobbin & Co.

I HAVE just been presented with the enclosed letters, and send you a copy, (the originals are in the hands of Mr. James Calhoun) in order to make it known, that however faithfully I may execute the ordres of the government of France, whose ships I have the honor to command, yet my private interest has not the least weight in my conduct. Captain L'Eveille has the same right and permission to take American vessels coming from a British port, as any other vessel of war, yet he confines himself to stopping and seizing only the enemies of his nation. Much has been said lately, in certain New-York and Philadelphia papers of insults, piracies, robberies, &c. &c. &c.—the whole of which I regard as the venom of a party in this country, who never dared to shew their faces in the glorious Revolution of 1776, the greatest part of whom were actually fighting against America—burning their towns poisoning their citizens in the prisons of New-York, suffocating 11,000 seamen, on board the Jersey, and other prison-ships, employing the savage Indians to scalp their wives and children, and burn their property—who afterwards, had the impudence to return to America, and to bring with them the hords, which we see daily in all public places—who have speculated and deprived the poor officers and soldiers of the only property which was in the power of government to give them. These men, or rather the true robbers and pirates, now wish to dictate and make laws to govern the freemen, who gave liberty and independence to America; they are truly beneath the notice of a Republican—I can only observe, that time will shortly prove, "that, like the drowning man, they are catching at straws."

Your's, &c.
JOSHUA BARNEY,
Brigadier-General in the service of France.

Baltimore, Jan. 20.

Charleston, Jan. 3d, 1797.

James Calhoun, Esq.

SIR,

A French armed vessel, called the Vengeance, took from on board a vessel of ours, coming from Jamaica, a hogshead of Jamaica Rum, and gave the captain an order upon a Mr. ——, of your place, to pay the amount, (on account of Captain Barney) to whom he likewise addressed the within letter upon that subject. You will particularly oblige us by receiving the same, and remitting it to us by any opportunity that may offer, &c.

(Signed) W. & E. CRAFTS.

At Sea, 12th December, 1796.

SIR,

Having met the schooner Sally bound to Charleston, Capt. John Leech, who had on board several hogsheads of rum,

and finding myself in want, I took, with the consent of the captain, one hogshead, containing 100 gallons, which I pray you to pay for, at the price of the market, and place it to the account of Capt. Barney, my owner.

I have the honor to be
Your humble servant,
(Signed) L'EVEILLE.

Mr. ———,
Merchant, Baltimore.

IN COUNCIL,
JANUARY 5, 1797.

ORDERED, That the Resolutions passed by the General Assembly at their last session, respecting certificates and bills of credit be published eight weeks successively in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria Newspapers, and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick Town, and Eaton papers, and the Maryland Gazette.

By order,
NINIAN PINKNEY,
Clerk of the Council of Maryland.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
DECEMBER 27, 1796.

1st. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby authorised to pay off and discharge the principal and interest due on all certificates heretofore issued by the state of Maryland, other than those distinguished as fraudulent ones, provided the same are brot into the treasury for payment on or before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

2d. RESOLVED, That all holders of certificates heretofore issued and funded by the State of Maryland, bring the same to the treasury of the western shore for payment of principal and interest, on or before the first day of July next, and that no interest on any certificate heretofore issued, which shall accrue after the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, shall be paid thereafter, nor the principal sum until after the end of the next session of assembly.

3d. RESOLVED, That such part of the five months pay, due to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and due for services on board the barges, as shall not be demanded of the treasurer of the western shore on or before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, be not paid to any person or persons demanding any part of the same until after the end of the next session of assembly.

4th. RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised to pay off and discharge the amount of principal and interest of such bills of credit of the emission under the act of June session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, as may be produced and brought into the treasury on or before the first day of July next.

5th. RESOLVED, That if any of the holders of bills of credit emitted in virtue of the act of June session, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, do not bring the same into the treasury of the western shore for payment, on or before the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven, that all interest from that time cease thereon, and the principal not be paid until after the end of the next session of assembly.

6th. RESOLVED, That the above resolutions be published for eight weeks successively in one of the Philadelphia and Alexandria newspapers, and in one of the Baltimore, Frederick-Town, and Easton papers, and the Maryland Gazette, that the creditors of the state may be notified that funds are prepared for the discharge of their claims.

By order,
W. HARWOOD, Clk.

For Sale,

On a liberal credit,
THE SHIP

FELICITY,

320 tons burthen, only 2 years old, and may be sent to sea with very little expence.

The Felicity is now in the river and will come up to town as the ice will permit.—She is allowed to be as faithfully built and as handsome a vessel as any of her size in the United States.

She is well calculated for the London or Liverpool trade.

Apply to
THOMAS PATTEN, or
JONATHAN SWIFT,

January 26.

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE,
A FEW OF
The President's Address.

Alexandria, January 26.

The House of Representatives of the United States, in committee of the whole, have decided in favor of a direct tax on land, 56 members rising in the affirmative, and also in favor of a tax on slaves, 54 members in the affirmative.

Mr. W. Smith, in the debate on the subject of raising further Revenue, on Wednesday, advanced it as a fact, that in one city only of the United States, *three hundred writs* had been issued against merchants to recover bonded duties!

We are authorized, (says a Fredericksburg paper) to assure the public, that Mr. James Madison declines offering his services to this district—Mr. Dawson and Gen. Posey are candidates for the appointment.

An Ambassador Extraordinary to the French Republic is, it is said, much talked of at the seat of government; and that Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Madison, or Mr. Burr, will have the appointment.

A letter from Philadelphia, dated the 18th, says, "It is said Mr. Madison is appointed Envoy Extraordinary to France, and is soon to depart."

This is important, if true, as great confidence would be reposed in that gentleman.

We hear that the boat bridge at Richmond has been carried away by the ice. Appamatox river is now open and vessels may come to this town in safety. [Petersburg Paper.]

According to a modern admeasurement, the extent of continued buildings in London is thirty five miles, two furlongs, and 39 roods. There are 308 places of devotion, and a computed million of inhabitants.

A letter dated Gonaives, November 24, 1796, to a merchant in Philadelphia, mentions, that 38 sail of American vessels had been sent in there by French cruisers, and taken coming and going to British ports.

We have good reasons to believe that on the 24th ultimo, the Admiral commanding the ships of war of Spain in the Havannah station had no orders to capture American vessels bound to or from British ports. [*New World.*]

Extract of a letter from Hamburg, November 16.

"Prince Charles gains fresh laurels every day.—He flies from Bavaria to Franconia, forces the great Jourdan to retreat to the Rhine; returns and passing through Swabia necessitates Moreau to retire into the French territories. He strives with unabated zeal to rival the great masters in the art of war which are opposed to him. His activity is very great, and his intripidity unquestioned."

Amongst the causes which operate in the intellectual world, and affect the mind and manners of men, the nature of the government under which they live is a very important one; and the taxes come in for a large share of general effect. This is a view of taxation which seems to escape the attention of modern politicians, though it deserves every regard; for the influence of taxes on the natural and moral constitution of the people is very great—All taxes which injure the health, the population, the knowledge, or the morals of mankind, are pernicious, and consequently injurious to society. Above all, no tax should be imposed which has the most remote tendency to injure the health of the people. How then, must a tax be deprecated, which keeps back from the lungs of five out of six the light of the sun and the air of heaven? those natural blessings so essential to life and vigor! It is true such a tax is imposed in another country, and one of the effects is that half the houses appear like private mad houses, where the windows are blocked up to prevent the maniac from escaping. In England the tax is injudicious and illiberal; here, should such a tax take place (as has been proposed) it would be heightened to cruelty, as the excessive heat of the summer seasons renders a free circulation of air not only one of the greatest blessings of life, but absolutely necessary to preserve it.

Within the last twelve months, there has been established in the city Philadelphia, a most curious and extensively useful manufactory, in which the spinning and weaving of hemp, flax, and tow are performed by means of machinery, the whole being carried on by a water wheel, requiring no other manual labour than that of a few boys. A few days ago, agreeably to invitation, the President of the United States, several members of Congress, and other gentlemen, paid a visit to this manufactory, and shewed themselves in the highest degree pleased with the ingenuity and novelty of it; the President in particular, expressed a high opinion of the merit of the patentee, Mr. Davenport, and an earnest wish that a work so honorable to the infant manufactures of America might soon be introduced into different parts of the union—We understand it is part of the plan of the patentee to construct, and deliver to order, the machinery employed in this manufactory, in any part of the United States.

An accurate observer, by means of a stop-watch, ascertained the number of feet of thread spun by one boy in a day (or ten hours) which was the extraordinary quantity of 192,000 feet, which consumed from 20 to 40 lbs of hemp, according to the fineness of the thread. A boy can also weave from 18 to 20 yards of sail-cloth in a day.

PRESIDENT'S RESIGNATION.

FROM A LONDON PAPER.

The resignation of General Washington is doubtless a great crisis in the new constitution of America; not that it is equivalent in that respect to the death of that great man, whose very existence, and possible return to the head of affairs, will restrain for a time both personal ambition and provincial hatred, and local contention. The paper which he has addressed to the United States is replete with wisdom, and is applicable in many points of view to our own circumstances, as well as those of America. Coming from authority so pure and so grave, and so entirely disinterested, his opinion may be respected, and a partiality for France, and for political associations, which has too long disgraced and menaced us, be abandoned, by his persuasion, as the source of foreign corruption and foreign treasons, and of domestic violence and the tyranny of factions.

FROM THE GAZETTE OF THE UNITED STATES.

To Messrs. Sperry and Campbell, merchants, Philadelphia.

SIRS,

I am sorry to inform you of our being captured by a French privateer of 10 guns, off Henegua, on the 14th instant. I cannot at present inform you what will be our fate, as I am detained on board as a prisoner, and not suffered to go on shore. Captain Earl was taken on board the privateer, and sent to the Cape—I pray God you had assurance made, as I wrote by three different opportunities from Jamaica.

The reason given for taking us is, that we were bound from a British port, and finding myself in want, I took, with the consent of the captain, one hogshead, containing 100 gallons, which I pray you to pay for, at the price of the market, and place it to the account of Capt. Barney, my owner.

The same privateer has sent into this port a brig loaded with rice, bound to Jamaica, which was yesterday condemned, with her cargo—I am really afraid it will be our fate. The same privateer captured the next day after taking us, the brig Peggy, belonging to George Peter, and the schooner Betsey, belonging to Dutch and Welch, south—where they have sent them I do not know. I have had a great deal of trouble, owing to the false information to the Captain of the privateer, by one of Capt. Earl's boys, that there was fifteen thousand dollars in cash on board, which occasioned a compleat search for money. I had recovered of the mate 100 dollars, which they took from me, and left me without a sixpence. They also took from the mate 70 dollars. Captain L'Eveille is gone home; his name is ——, a son of the man you bought the flour of. The cargo consists of 36 hogsheads and 300 bags of coffee, about 90,000 weight, 200 bags of ginger, and some old iron and copper for your account, 70 bags of ginger on account of Jacob Sperry and Co. I would have sent you copies of the invoices, but they have taken all my papers from me; however I hope to get copies of them in a few days (when I get released.) They have plundered me of every thing that is eatable.

JOHN M. IRWIN.

CHARLESTON, JANUARY 5.

A gentleman who arrived here on the 1st inst. in the Matilda from New-York, informs that on the day of his sailing, he heard that some person from Charleston, had been taken up and confined on suspicion of being concerned in the late fires in that city: that curiosity induced him to request permission to see the person. His request was granted, and he was introduced to Mr. JOHN FALL, who enquired his business, and said he was Captain Thompson, at the service of our informant. Having obtained the satisfaction he wished, he gave the real name and character of the incendiary, by whom he was much abused for the information, to the gaoler, and learnt moreover, that at the time Fall was taken, chemical matches, keys, and pick-locks, were found upon him.

It is to be hoped, that his villainy will at last meet with it's proper punishment.

NEW-YORK, JAN. 17.

An apology is made in the Aurora for Captain Barney's reversing the American colours on board the Medusa. It is there said to be a *mistake* and as soon *rectified*. We are authorised to declare that the flag was reversed and placed at the top-mast head, from 10 o'clock in the morning, to 4 in the afternoon, during a breeze, which made it conspicuous. [MINERVA.]

On Wednesday last, at 12 o'clock, a respectable number of gentlemen attended agreeable to invitation, in the City Hospital. Several operations of Dr. E. Perkins, by means of his invented metallic points, were performed with surprising and satisfactory success, on different patients labouring under various diseases.

MECHANICAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

THE Members of the above Society are hereby notified, that a stated quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday evening next the 1st day of February, at the house of Mr. M'Kenzie.—Attendance is requested punctually at 7 o'clock.

J. V. THOMAS, Sec.

January 26.

LOST,

A FEW days ago, a small Gimmel Ring with the subscriber's name engraved on a piece of plate. The owner will thank any person who may have found it to inform

Jan. 26. J. CALLENDER.

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There having been a controversy between Mr. Thomas Magruder and Mr. Richard Buckner, Jun. of this place, which has originated from Mr. Magruder certain publications, which have appeared in print, relative to Mr. Buckner—this is therefore intended to inform the world, that both gentlemen have very lately had a meeting, at which, after exchanging a few words, both gentlemen being slightly wounded, their differences was amicably settled,

ANDREW GRAY.
BENJ. HAZLEGROVE.

I do not hesitate to declare, that the publications alluded to above, contain assertions which I am now convinced Mr. Buckner does not deserve.

THOMAS MAGRUDER.

A publication of mine having appeared in print, which was intended as a reply to the one exhibited by Mr. Magruder, and which may have appeared to the world to contain expressions unfavorable to his character; I therefore think it right to declare, that I am now convinced they are not merited by him.

RICHARD BUCKNER, Jun.

Port-Royal, Jan. 18, 1797.

Public Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Capt. Samuel Harrison, late of the town of Alexandria, dec. or to the estate of his late wife Barbara, by bond, note, book debt or otherwise, are requested to make immediate payment.—And those who have any demands against either of the said estates, will please to bring their accounts forward regularly attested, that provision may be made for the speedy payment thereof.

P. MARSTELLER, Adm.

Jan. 24. 1m

To Let,

For a term of three or more years,

That valuable stand for business, situate on King street, adjoining Mr. David Davey. The lot is 43 feet front, and 80 feet deep, on which is erected a two story brick house, 20 feet in front and 40 feet deep, a cellar under the whole—two rooms on each floor with fire places, a kitchen, bake oven, stable, and other conveniences for a family. Also, a warehouse, 18 feet front by 38 feet deep, with a small garden behind the same. For further particulars apply to

PHILIP MARSTELLER.

January 24. tf

For Sale,

TEN Lots opposite Mr. James Keith's wharf, on the west side of Water-street. These lots are from 20 to 26 feet front, and from 63 to 123 feet deep, and have most of them an east front, and are in point of situation equal to any lots at the lower end of the town for private buildings. Any person wishing to purchase may be accommodated low for cash, or on a short credit—or should any person be inclined to buy the whole, they will meet with a great bargain, by applying to the subscriber near Mr. Philip R. Fendall's.

ROBERT C. LANPHIER.

Jan. 24 1m

TO prevent misapprehension, I think it incumbent on me to inform the public, that my advertisement of the 3d inst. was not intended to refer to Mr. Stewart, and that it proceeded from a dispute between Mr. Love and myself.

JAS. LANE TRIPLETT.

January 24. 3t

Flour Store.

THOMAS PETERKIN will Store Flour for any length of time, at six pence per barrel, in the warehouse lately occupied by James M. M'Rea and Co. adjoining Messrs. Shreve and Lawrason.

Where he has for sale,

Coarse and Fine Salt, West India & N.E. Rum, Loaf & Brown Sugar, Coffee, Pepper, Indigo, and Salt Petre. London Porter in hampers, Queen's Ware in crates, Tanner's Oil, 5d. and 4d. Nails, fine half-barrel flasks (will hold 4, 100 barrels Tar.

PHILIP WANTON,

RESPECTFULLY informs the public, that he has commenced business at the house lately occupied by Mr. Francis Peyton, on Prince Street, near Fairfax-street, where he intends keeping a constant assortment of GROCERIES, CUTLERY and BRASS WARE, lately received from Europe, and intends from time to time to receive additional supplies.

Also,

A few sets of Pot metal wall sconces,
A quantity of 6's and smaller weights, Shot Leather,
Excellent Indigo and Dye Stuffs,
Clover and Timothy seed,
Flour Sieves, and other Merchandize, received for sale on commission.

N. B. A valuable lot, corner of Peyton and Wilkes Street, will either be sold whole or divided in smaller lots—the terms will be made easy. If not disposed of at private sale, prior to the 15th of 3d month next (March) shall then be sold at public sale.

P. WANTON.

Alex. 24th 1m 3d

Macleod and Yateman,

AT THEIR STORE ON GILPIN'S WHARF, HAVE FOR SALE,

Brown Sugar in bbls
Coffee in bags and barrels,
Jamaica Rum,
Antigua do. } in hhds. & bbls.
New-England do.
French Brandy,
Whiskey,
Best Carolina Indigo,
Crude Salt-petre,
Cadiz Salt,

Which they will sell low for cash, produce, or good notes at the usual credit.

January 24 tf

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the Partnership of ROBERT YOUNG & CO. hath this day been dissolved by mutual consent, and the books of said concern removed to the office of Philip Richard Fendall, where in future all concerned will apply. It is earnestly requested that all those who have claims will exhibit them for adjustment on or before the first day of April next, so that the whole amount may be ascertained, and some mode proposed for their ultimate discharge.

All those indebted to the said concern are earnestly requested to discharge the same without delay.

The Stores and Warehouse occupied by Robert Young & Co. will be let for 6 years, or their right thereto sold for that term.

ROBERT YOUNG,
PHILIP R. FENDALL.

January 10. tf

FOR SALE,

A HOUSE and Lot, on Fairfax-street, in fee simple, lying north, and adjoining to Bryan Hampton's, now occupied by John Duffey.—The lot is 38 feet front, and 100 feet deep. The house is a large a story frame, with a back building of brick, with a cellar under the whole. There is also a frame stable on this lot.

One other Lot of Ground on Wolf-street, 80 feet, running back 226 feet 5 inches to a 20 feet alley on which is erected a back frame building, in which Thomas Irwin now resides. This lot is subject to a ground rent of four pounds per annum. For terms apply to

JOHN JANNEY

Mandeville & Jamesson,

HAVE JUST RECEIVED,

Four boxes, } IRISH LINENS well
One Bale } assorted.
Twenty puncheons 4th proof Rum,
Fresh Raisins in kegs, boxes, & jars,
Do. Figs in frails and jars,
Do. Grapes in jars,
Soft shelled Almonds,
A few boxes Sweetmeats,
Do. Capers.

Also—Coarse and fine Salt, with a very general assortment of Groceries, which they will sell for cash, or at the usual credit.

☞ A good Clerk wanted.

Also, a Black Man to hire as a Porter by the year.

Dec. 3.

For Sale,

A likely Negro Man, about 28 years old, apply to

ALEX. J. SMITH.

January 24. tf

Samuel Hilton,

FROM the Federal City, respectfully informs his friends, and the public in general, that he has taken the house lately occupied by Mr. Geddes, at the lower end of the above Tavern, and has opened it for the accommodation of the inhabitants of Alexandria, and travellers in general, where every exertion will be used and attention paid, to merit a share of their favours.

Gentlemen boarded by the month or year. Rich Soups every day from 12 to 1 o'clock.

Dinners for private parties dressed at the shortest notice.

Good Stabling for Horses.

☞ Wanted, an experienced Cook, to whom generous wages will be given.

December 27.

JUST RECEIVED,

AND FOR SALE BY

Wm. Hartshorne & Sons,

FIVE bales of 9 bushel sacks,
6 sets of elegant China,
200 casks of best New-York Rotten Lime,
30 barrels of Tar, and a few puncheons of 4th proof Jamaica Rum.

Also on hand,

Best Swedish and country made Bar Iron,
St. Ubes Salt,
James River Coal,
3d and 4d Nails in casks of 25 and 50 thousand each,
A few bushels warranted Clover Seed,
Cambooses of a good size,
And a quantity of Rugs.

December 13.

Wanted to Hire,

FIFTEEN or Twenty likely negro fellows, for which a generous price will be given. For terms apply to

NICHOLAS VOSS.

Or in his absence to

JAMES M. M'REA.

Fairfax Street, Dec. 15.

City of Washington,

January 18, 1797.

WANTED for the present year at the public works, in the city of Washington, a number of Laborers, for whom 70 dollars per annum will be given, or 60 dollars from the 18 of March, to the 10th of December next. They will be found in every thing but their cloathing and attended by a physician at public expence when necessary.

ELISHA O. WILLIAMS.

Bennett and Watts,

Have received by the Brig Liberty, from Philadelphia, the following GOODS, which they offer for sale on moderate terms,

Brass and Brass Headed Andirons, brass and polished steel Fenders hand bellows, tongs and shovels, Crowley steel in faggots, German do. anvils, and vices, of all sizes, pull coffee mills, copper tea kettles, joiners planes, Scotch braces and bitts, saws of all kinds, best claw hammers and augers, best FF English glazed gun powder a box of very neat gentlemens', ladies', and childrens' hats, made in the English fashion, mens' English shoes, patent fleecy hosiery, a variety of oil cloths best 10-4 Flanders bed bunts, lemn twine of the 1st quality, folio and quarto post paper, foolscap and common do. teal leather, nails, brads, spikes & forge, Ticklenburgs, Hessian and British osnaburgs, wool and cotton cards in boxes, tambouring silk and cotton of all colours, tea trays, waiters, &c. &c.

December 10.

For Sale.

NEAR the Great Falls of Potomac, in Loudoun County, 4 or 500 acres of Land sufficiently level for farming. About 100 acres are cleared and but little worn. This tract is well watered, and contains several acres of natural meadow. The timber is oak, hickory, and chesnut, and there is on one part of it a sufficiency of the latter alone to enclose perhaps the whole. Mr. Robert Reed who at present lives on the premises will shew the land to any person willing to view it, and the terms may be known by a letter directed to the subscriber, and left at the Post Office, Alexandria.

T. FAIRFAX.

January 22. 3w

Proposals

FOR PUBLISHING BY SUBSCRIPTION, THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF A PUBLIC AND PERMANENT NATURE, WITH NOTES AND REFERENCES.

THE Laws of the United States, which are of a public and permanent nature, will be published in two volumes octavo, of about 500 pages each, with notes and references, by the subscriber, in the city of Philadelphia.

The work will be printed on a fine paper, and a handsome type, and will be delivered to subscribers in boards, at two dollars per volume.

The first volume will contain the laws from the commencement of the government to the end of the session of congress in March, 1795, and the second volume will contain the laws from the commencement of the session of congress in December, 1795, to the end of the session of congress in March, 1797.

The first volume will be published in the month of April next, and the second volume will be published in the month of December next.

The publication of the laws of the United States, which are of a public and permanent nature, has been frequently solicited by the citizens of the United States, and the subscriber has undertaken the work, in the hope that it will be found useful to the public.

The subscriber has been induced to undertake the publication of the laws, from the circumstance of the laws of the United States, which are of a public and permanent nature, not having been published since the year 1795, and from the circumstance of the laws of the United States, which are of a public and permanent nature, not having been published since the year 1795, and from the circumstance of the laws of the United States, which are of a public and permanent nature, not having been published since the year 1795